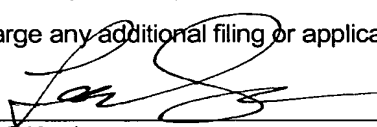
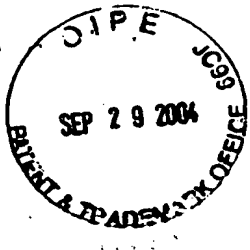


2825  
IFW

| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER   |   |   |                                   | Docket No.<br>M4065.0503/P503    |      |
|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|
| Application No.<br>10/050,067-Conf. #1106  |   | Filing Date<br>January 17, 2002         |                                   | Examiner<br>M. Y. Dimyan         |      |
|  |   |   |                                   | Art Unit<br>2825                 |      |
| Applicant(s): John W. Regnier  |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| Invention: A FAST ALGORITHM TO EXTRACT FLAT INFORMATION FROM HIERARCHICAL NETLISTS   |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| <b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>   |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.   |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>   |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
|  | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid | Number<br>Extra Claims<br>Present | Rate                             |      |
| Total Claims   | 37  | - 37 =                                  |                                   | x                                | 0.00 |
| Independent<br>Claims  | 10  | - 10 =                                  |                                   | x                                | 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>   |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| Other fee (please specify):  |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>  |   |   |                                   |                                  | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity   |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.  |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____.<br>A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.   |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.  |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <u>04-1073</u><br>as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.  |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.   |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |
| <br>Thomas J. D'Amico<br>Attorney Reg. No.: 28,371  |   |   |                                   | Dated: <u>September 29, 2004</u> |      |
| DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN & OSHINSKY LLP<br>2101 L Street NW<br>Washington, DC 20037-1526<br>(202) 828-2232  |   |   |                                   |                                  |      |



Docket No.: M4065.0503/P503  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
John W. Regnier

Application No.: 10/050,067

Art Unit: 2825

Filed: January 17, 2002

Examiner: M. Y. Dimyan

For: A FAST ALGORITHM TO EXTRACT FLAT  
INFORMATION FROM HIERARCHICAL  
NETLISTS

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2004 (Paper No. 20040622), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application and reconsider the outstanding rejections of the above-identified U.S. Patent application in view of the foregoing remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.